Do you have a favorite birthday party? Maybe it was the year you got to take friends to the movies or the batting cages. Maybe it was a pool party complete with all the popsicles you could eat. I know someone that couldn’t stop talking about the year he went to Cantigny Park in Wheaton. The party consisted of climbing all over the tanks, then eating PB&J sandwiches. Simple yet highly memorable.

I have been thinking about birthday parties as ISGS looks forward to celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018. This party is a bit different from a traditional birthday party. Usually, the birthday girl or boy is the star of the show. But, with ISGS, you the genealogy community, especially our members, are the stars of the party. How can we make this a memorable party? There will be some celebrations at the Fall Conference, but that seems too modest. What birthday events would make this a great party year? Think about what your favorite gifts were. While we can’t send everyone a Cabbage Patch doll or X-Box, we would like to find something that appeals to the genealogist in you. Let me know. Maybe we can all meet at Cantigny Park and climb on the tanks!

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Welcome New ISGS Members!

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Paul Enchelmayer, Normal, IL
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To join, go to the ISGS website: ilgensoc.org
You can renew your membership online here, or mail your renewal to ISGS Membership Renewal, PO Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195. Individual/Associate/Subscription: $35, Joint (two people at same address): $40.

Address Changes

If you have a change of either mailing address or an email address or both, it is important to let the ISGS office know. We cannot be responsible for resending issues and other “blast emails” that could not be forwarded to a new address.

If your information has changed, please forward the new information to the ISGS office at isgsoffice@ilgensoc.org or call (217) 789-1968. You can also update your information on the website www.ilgensoc.org. Click on the Members Section on the left sidebar. Enter your login and password. Then click Edit Your Profile in the Members section on the left. Click the Contact Info tab and verify your email address.

The Illinois Bicentennial Committee is inviting all statewide partners planning activities between December 3, 2017 and December 3, 2018 to apply for endorsement and become an official part of Illinois Bicentennial. Once approved, you will receive an official Bicentennial Seal of Endorsement for use on your marketing materials, in addition to statewide promotional support, including listings in the online Bicentennial events calendar, social media promotion, and potential inclusion in official publications.
ISGS Introduces FACEBOOK Group for ISGS Associate Society Leadership

Illinois State Genealogical Society has recently made available a closed Facebook group for local leaders of societies that are registered specifically as “ISGS Associate Members”. The purpose of this closed group is to provide a venue for ISGS Associate Member Society leaders to discuss topics and issues that are important to them. This new group is sponsored by the ISGS Illinois Society Liaison Committee.

Following the recommendation made at the 2017 ISGS Society FORUM, the ISGS Governing Board quickly agreed to expand the opportunities Associate Member Society leaders have to communicate with each other and share ideas and solutions by approving the ISGS Illinois Local Society Leadership Closed Group. The ISGS Society FORUM was so successful, the committee wanted to be sure to honor the group's ideas, but also keep the momentum going.

Two critical posts have already been shared and are awaiting ideas. Kim Hanks, ISGS Illinois Society Liaison chair, posted a query related to the Illinois Bicentennial: share any ideas you might have for your society to honor Illinois’ Bicentennial. Linda Polich, Education Chair at Rock Island County IL Genealogical Society asked for ideas on classes to introduce students to family history.

If you are a leader in an ISGS Associate Member genealogy society, you are invited to participate! Log into your facebook and type in ISGS Illinois Local Society Leadership. Ask to join. You will be asked to answer two questions before you are approved: what ISGS Associate Member Society and what position of leadership.

We developed these screening questions to make sure we are including the right audience. Once you are in the group, you can also invite other people you might know who are leaders in their IL local genealogical society.

The Illinois Society Liaison Committee understands that not everyone is on Facebook. We will continue to build on the opportunities available to Illinois genealogical societies to communicate with each other.

For the purposes of this group, the committee asks that members do not post activity or meeting notices. Instead, please post your questions, ideas, pictures of successful events and activities, and just get to know each other. You are all a wealth of support and information for each other.

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Dr. Joens took a few minutes at the beginning of the call to introduce what is happening at the state level and reviewed what was done in the past for the 50 year and centennial celebrations. Local society leaders were participants in this call-in conference call and gave ideas of their own. Some included purchasing bicentennial flags for schools, police departments, etc., planting a tree, hosting a parade or festival, hosting a luncheon with a historical theme, and selling coffee cups or small desk flags. Update or compile a county genealogy/history book. McDonough County is calling theirs the Illinois Bicentennial Edition. Other ideas included sponsoring cemetery walks, collaborate with historical societies and local colleges, local businesses, local brewery developing a bicentennial beer, collaborate with schools, tourism bureaus, and a poster contest. Other ideas had societies setting goals like updating an index or making available records to the public.

New on the Illinois Bicentennial website (illinois200.com) is a store where flags and other items may be purchased. Additionally, each county in Illinois has a person identified as the Bicentennial coordinator. Societies might contact that person. The Illinois Bicentennial Commission website may have a list of those people soon.

Dr. Joens recommended that whatever activities local societies do host or sponsor, that the society register on the Illinois Bicentennial website and be recognized by the Bicentennial Commission for their event or activity. This may also allow the local society to use the IL bicentennial logo and seal. When posting information about your events, you might choose to use the hashtag #ILLINOISPROUD. Questions regarding this should go to the Bicentennial Commission staff at https://illinois200.com.

ISGS Associate Member society leaders may continue in this discussion by joining the Closed Facebook Group called ISGS Illinois Local Society Leadership.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Claybaugh Hanks, IL Society Liaison Committee Chair
Marjorie Vance Rice Memorial Family History Writing Award

Open to ISGS members and nonmembers, this award honors Marjorie Vance Rice, long-time contributor to the ISGS Quarterly with “Faces from the Past.” Submissions will be accepted beginning 1 July 2017 and continue through 30 June 2018. Entries that meet criteria (see page 100 in the Summer 2017 issue of the ISGS Quarterly or contact the Quarterly editor at isgsquarterly@ilgensoc.org) will be published in the Quarterly throughout the year beginning with Fall 2017. Nominations for articles will be sought from ISGS Board Members, Quarterly staff and our readers so don’t wait to send in your entry! The winner will be honored at the ISGS Fall Conference 2018 and will receive a one-year membership to ISGS, a free registration for the ISGS 2018 Fall Conference and a $500 Award!

Wisconsin Historical Society Announces New Service

“You can now easily order copies of newspaper articles directly from our website. Are you trying to locate a copy of the article that told some part of your family’s history? This new service will make the ordering process easier. Our collection of newspapers is second only to the Library of Congress and holds the most complete set of Wisconsin newspapers available.”

If you have any additional questions about any of these records, please contact historydocs@wisconsinhistory.org.

Learn more: https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15504

SCCGS Brings Back an Old Favorite

The St. Clair County Genealogical Society brings back by request its Holy Cross Cemetery, Fairview Heights, book. First printed in 2001, its 70 pages covers burials from 1907 to 2000, including burials from East St. Louis’ St. Henry’s Cemetery. It was last available in 2010, and makes its third appearance in 2017 with a limited run. The cost is $12.00. The order form is on the Society’s website, www.stclair-ilgs.org.

Interested in SCCGS’ Newest Book? Let Us Know

The St. Clair County Genealogical Society is trying to gauge interest for the initial printing of its newest cemetery book on Prairie Du Long and Smithton Townships. It consists of 118 pages with more than 3,200 burials in 31 cemeteries through 2016. The Prairie Du Long portion of the book is completely new. The oldest burial recorded in the ten cemeteries was in 1831. Included are maps of Higgins-Phillips and Wiskamp, plus completely new ones of Stehfest and St. Augustine Catholic cemeteries.

The Smithton Township portion was first printed in 2003 and is now updated through 2016. The oldest burial of the 21 cemeteries was in 1815. It includes updated maps of St. John the Baptist Catholic, High Prairie and Franklin/Smithton City cemeteries and a new overview map of Franklin/Smithton City and St. John the Baptist cemeteries.

The expected cost is about $15.00. If you’re interested, please email the Society by Jan. 9 at sccgsoffice@stclair-ilgs.org with the Subject line, Interest in Prairie Du Long/Smithton.

20th Annual Conference on Illinois History—October 4 & 5, 2018

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Springfield

The Conference on Illinois History is accepting paper or panel proposals on any aspect of Illinois’ history, culture, politics, geography, or archaeology. The Conference especially welcomes submissions exploring the upcoming bicentennial of statehood. We encourage submissions from professional and avocational historians, graduate students, and those engaged in the study of Illinois history at libraries, historic sites, museums, and historical societies.

Proposals are also being accepted for teacher workshops. If you are a teacher who has created an innovative, comprehensive, or timely curriculum on an aspect of Illinois’ history, culture, politics, geography, or archaeology, please share your expertise with other teachers at the conference.

The deadline for proposals is May 1, 2018.

To submit your proposal for a paper, panel, or teacher workshop, please send:
- A one-page summary of the topic, including a description of the major primary and secondary sources used.
- A one-page resume for each participant.

Send proposals to: Christian McWhirter, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or Christian.mcwhirter@illinois.gov.

For more information, call 217-785-9132.

Chicago Genealogical Society Programs at a Glance

On February 3, at the Swedish American Museum, Karen Stanbary, CG will be presenting “DNA: A Power Tool in the Genealogist’s Tool Box”. Karen will explore the practical applicability of DNA tests to everyday genealogical problems. You may wish to come early and visit the museum’s outstanding exhibit “The Dream of America: Swedish Immigration” which follows immigrants from the journey to the new world to building a life and community in Chicago. Note: exhibit fee is Adults $4; Children/students/seniors $3. http://swedishamericanmuseum.org/2.0/ On March 3rd CGS will be visiting South Suburban Genealogical Society in Hazel Crest.
ISGS 2018 Webinar Schedule

Registration for the 2018 webinars is now open! You'll find a fantastic lineup of presentations and speakers and we hope you will join us for a wonderful educational experience.

The ISGS webinars, which are live lectures/presentations that you can attend via a computer with an internet connection, are held as a live broadcast on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM Central. The live broadcast of each webinar is FREE to the public. ISGS members who are unable to attend the live broadcast are able to access recordings of all past webinars through the Members Section of the ISGS website, to watch at their convenience.

### Finding Scottish Ancestors Online
January 9, 2018, presented by Nancy Loe

### Illinois Digital Resources
February 13, 2018, presented by Tina Beaird

### Finding Clues for Your Immigrant Ancestors in Ethnic Newspapers and Publications
March 13, 2018, presented by Lisa Alzo

### Friedrich Eiler in Illinois: Fragments Fuse to Identify One Individual
April 10, 2018, presented by Jill Morelli

### Want to Honor Your Revolutionary Roots? Resources for Applying to a Revolutionary War Lineage Society
May 8, 2018, presented by Bryna O’Sullivan

### Ohio and the Early Gathering of the LDS Church
June 12, 2018, presented by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

### Museums Have Records, Too! Locating Your Ancestors Behind Closed Doors
July 10, 2018, presented by Melissa Barker

### National Archives Resources at the Chicago Branch
August 14, 2018, presented by Jane Haldeman

### Researching Pre-fire Chicago
September 11, 2018, presented by Ginger Frere

### Chicago Rises from the Ashes: The Columbian Exposition Gives Perspective to the Family Historian
October 9, 2018, presented by Jean Wilcox Hibben

### 1918: The Prairie State ‘Over There’
November 13, 2018, presented by Lisa Oberg

### Some Followed the River, Some Took the Train: Finding Ancestors of the Great Migration
December 11, 2018, presented by Angela Walton-Raji

All webinars take place at 8:00 PM Central time.


Don’t forget to spread the word! Forward this email onto your friends and colleagues, post the information to social media sites and/or your blog/website, or print out a few copies of our webinar flyer to hand out at your local society meetings. The flyer for the 2018 series can be accessed at [https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=227](https://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=227).
Genealogy Events

2 January 2018 — Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—Creating Your Family History Album, Paula Robinson elginroots.com

4 January 2018 — St. Clair Genealogical Society, Belleville, IL Navigating the SCCGS Website, Diane Walsh www.stclair-ilgs.org


9 January 2018 — Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL—Optimizing Your Searches on the Internet - Maureen Brady genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

11 January 2018 — Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Naperville, IL,—Show and Tell: Share Your Genealogical Artifact https://ilfvgs.org/


18 January 2018 — Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—Pandemic 1918: Combating the Spanish Influenza During the Great War, Tina Beaird elginroots.com

27 January 2018 — Swedish American Museum, Chicago, IL—Overcoming Research Obstacles in the Swedish Church Books, Kathy Meade http://swedishamericanmuseum.org/2.0/

3 February 2018 — Chicago Genealogical Society, Chicago, IL—DNA: A Power Tool in the Genealogist’s Tool Box, Karen Stanbary http://www.chicagogenealogy.org/

3 February 2018 — Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, Kankakee, IL—Beginning Genealogy, Marcia Stang http://www.kvgs.org/

3 February 2018 — Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society, Arlington Heights, IL Funeral Homes and Family History: They Are Dying to Meet You! [webinar], Daniel Earl http://www.nwsgenealogy.org

6 February 2018 — Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—Suffering, Survival & Serendipity, Jim Weirman elginroots.com

8 February 2018 — Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Naperville, IL,—From Land Records to Google Earth: Mapping your Family’s Place, Jane Haldeman https://ilfvgs.org/

10 February 2018 — Naperville Public Library, Naperville, IL—How I Use DNA in My Genealogical Research, Caron Brennan www.naperville-lib.org

13 February 2018 — Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL The Voyages of Our German Immigrants, Teresa Steinkamp McMillin genealogywithtony.wordpress.com


3 March 2018 — Chicago Genealogical Society, Chicago, IL—The Chicago Genealogical Society Meets South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society (Hazel Crest, IL) http://www.chicagogenealogy.org/

Genealogy Events Continued


8 March 2018—Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Naperville, IL—Pinning Together Your Genealogical Past with Pinterest, Debra Dudek  https://ilfvgs.org/

13 March 2018—Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL—Break-out Sessions  genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

15 March 2018—Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—Planting Your Family Tree: Beginning Genealogy, Judy Van Dusen & Cheryl Winter  elginroots.com


3 April 2018—Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—Adding Context: Social History for Genealogists, Ginger Frere  elginroots.com

7 April 2018—Naperville Public Library, Naperville, IL—Nordic Genealogy Double Feature, Kathy Meade & Laura Kovarik  www.naperville-lib.org


10 April 2018—Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL—Family History’s Navigational Tool: Genealogical Proof Standard, Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana  genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

12 April 2018—Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Naperville, IL—Reading Between the Lines of the City Directory, Teresa Steinkamp McMillin  https://ilfvgs.org/

19 April 2018—Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—Study Up on School Records for Success, Grace DuMelle  elginroots.com

22 April 2018—Decatur Genealogical Society, Decatur, IL—Mail in the 1800s, Brent A. Wielt  http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/-iidecgs/

28 April 2018—Swedish American Museum, Chicago, IL—Digging Up Funeral Records, Janet Nelson  http://swedishamericanmuseum.org/2.0/

1 May 2018—Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—Share Your Family Heirlooms, EGS Members  elginroots.com


8 May 2018—Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL—How to Deal With Other Genealogists Without Going Crazy!, Thomas MacEntee (webinar)  genealogywithtony.wordpress.com

10 May 2018—Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Naperville, IL—Look High and Low, Above and Below!—Cemetery Research, Jeffrey Bockman  https://ilfvgs.org/

12 May 2018—Swedish American Museum, Chicago, IL—Bishop Hill’s Company D—Swedish Union Guard mobilized during the Civil War, Todd DeDecker  http://swedishamericanmuseum.org/2.0/

17 May 2018—Elgin Genealogical Society, Elgin—DNA: A Power Tool in the Genealogist’s Tool Box  elginroots.com
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**ISGS Death Certificate Lookup Service**

The current pricing for one certificate is $6.00 for ISGS members, $10.00 for non-members (you can order as many as you would like). Compare that to the $17.00 rate at sites such as Genealogy Online for [Cook County](http://cyberdriveillinois.com).

Currently, only those certificates listed at the Illinois Death Certificates 1916-1950 database at [cyberdriveillinois.com](http://cyberdriveillinois.com) can be obtained through the ISGS lookup service.

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Proceeds directly support ISGS office operations.

So remember to take advantage of this service, whether you are a member of ISGS or not!

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**Requesting a Death Certificate: The Simple Process**

- **Go to the** [Illinois State Archives Death Certificate Index](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59).

- **Search for the individual death certificate(s) you want, and copy down the information exactly as it is displayed.**

- **Order Online** - If you would like to order online using a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express or a [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) account, you can use the shopping cart at [http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59). Your information is kept safe and secure by the PayPal payment service.

- **Or Order by Mail** - If you would prefer to mail your request, print out the [ISGS Death Certificate Request Form](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59) and transfer the death certificate information to the form. Mail the form along with your check made payable to the Illinois State Genealogy Society to the address shown on the form. (Note: Credit cards are only available online.)

If you have any questions, visit [http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59)

For more information, email [isgsoffice@ilgensoc.org](mailto:isgsoffice@ilgensoc.org) or call (217) 789-1968
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